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Dear Dr. Smith:

I have your note of the 12th, requesting thymine-dependent mutants of K-12. I am sorry to have to report that we have never encountered such mutants, nor, to my knowledge has any else (with this strain). You are, I imagine, already acquainted with Cohen's description of another strain (Fed. Proc., 13(1): #642, March 1954).

I would appreciate reprints of your publications on the analyses of bacteria and phages, especially lambda.

Yours sincerely,

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